IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly AMEND 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16 as follows:

1.   (TWICE AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

writing means for selectively writing data in a re-writable data carrier attached to a [the] container of a dish or drink;

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from [said] the selectively re-writable data carrier; and

calculating means for calculating [said] the charge using the read data and displaying the charge.

2.   (TWICE AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

input means for inputting data to be used to calculate a charge; and

writing means for selectively writing the data in a re-writable data carrier attached to a container of a dish or drink.

3.   (ONCE AMENDED) The charging system according to claim 2, wherein said writing means writes one of a kind and price of the dish or drink in the data carrier.

4.   (ORIGINAL) The charging system according to claim 2, further comprising

measuring means for measuring a weight of the dish or drink, wherein

said writing means writes one of a measured weight and a price corresponding to the

measured weight in the data carrier.

5.   (TWICE AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a

charge for a dish and drink selected by a customer, comprising:

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from a <u>selectively</u> re-writable data

carrier attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by the customer; and

calculating means for calculating [said] <u>the</u> charge using <u>the</u> read data.

6.   (ORIGINAL) The charging system according to claim 5, wherein

the data carrier is attached to the bottom of the container, and

said reading means reads the data collectively from the data carrier of one or more

containers placed on a tray.

7.   (ONCE AMENDED) The charging system according to claim 5, wherein

said reading means reads price data of said dish or drink from the data carrier, and

said calculating means adds up the price data of each dish or drink, and calculates the

charge for the one or more dishes or drinks.

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8.   (ONCE AMENDED) The charging system according to claim 5, wherein

said reading means reads data indicating a kind of said dish or drink from the data

carrier, and

said calculating means includes an output means for outputting a kind of the dishes or

drinks selected by the customer together with the charge for the dishes or drinks.

9.   (ONCE AMENDED) The charging system according to claim 5, further

comprising

storing means for storing a correspondence relation between a kind and a price of each

dish or drink, wherein

said reading means reads data indicating a kind of said dish or drink from the data

carrier, and

said calculating means obtains price data corresponding to the kind data of each dish or

drink referring to the correspondence relation, adds up the price data of each dish or drink, and

calculates the charge for the one or more dishes or drinks.

10.   (TWICE AMENDED) A container used in an automatic calculation of a charge

of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

means for holding the dish or drink; and

selectively re-writable data carrier means for selectively recording data to be used to

calculate the charge.

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11.   (TWICE AMENDED) A calorie calculating system for automatically calculating calories of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from a <u>selectively</u> re-writable data carrier attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by the customer; and

calculating means for calculating calories of the one or more dishes or drinks using read data and displaying the calories.

12.   (TWICE AMENDED) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for goods selected by a customer, comprising:

reading means for reading data in a non-contact state from a <u>selectively</u> re-writable data carrier attached to one or more items of goods selected by the customer; and

calculating means for calculating [said] <u>the</u> charge for the one or more items of goods using read data and displaying the charge.

13.   (ONCE AMENDED) The charging system according to claim 12, wherein

the one or more items of goods are arranged flatly so that the directions of attached data carriers are the same, and said reading means reads the data collectively from the data carriers of the one or more goods arranged flatly.

14.   (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium encoded with a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising:

inputting data to be used to calculate a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer; and

selectively writing the data in a re-writable data carrier attached to a container of the dish or drink.

15.   (TWICE AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium encoded with a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising:

reading data in a non-contact state from a selectively re-writable data carrier attached to a container of one or more dishes or drinks selected by a customer;

calculating a charge for the one or more dishes or drinks using the read data; and

displaying the charge.

16.   (TWICE AMENDED) A charging method for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

writing data in a selectively re-writable data carrier attached to a container of a dish or drink;

reading data in a non-contact state from a data carrier of one or more dishes or drinks selected by the customer;

calculating said charge using read data; and

displaying said charge.

Kindly ADD new claims 17-22 as follows:

17.   (NEW) A charging system for automatically calculating a charge for a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

a writing unit selectively writing data in a re-writable data carrier formed as part of a container of a dish or drink;

a reading unit reading data in a non-contact state from the selectively re-writable data carrier; and

a calculating unit calculating the charge using the read data and displaying the charge.

18.   (NEW) The charging system according to claim 17, wherein the selectively re-writable data carrier is adhered to the container of the dish or drink.

19.   (NEW) The charging system according to claim 17, wherein the selectively re-writable data carrier is embedded within the container of the dish or drink.

20.   (NEW) A container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

tableware to hold the dish or drink; and

a selectively re-writable data carrier to selectively record data to be used to calculate the charge.

21.   (NEW) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink according to claim 20, wherein said selectively re-writable data carrier further comprises:

an antenna;

a voltage generator circuit to provide power to said data carrier in response to electromotive force received from the antenna; and

a memory unit to record the data to be used to calculate the charge.

22.   (NEW) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink according to claim 21, wherein said selectively re-writable data carrier further comprises:

a modulator/demodulator to communicate modulated data between the antenna with the memory unit.

23.   (NEW) A container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink selected by a customer, comprising:

tableware to hold the dish or drink;

a selectively re-writable data carrier to selectively record data to be used to calculate the charge.

24.   (NEW) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink, comprising:

an antenna;

a memory;

communication control logic to selectively record the data to be used to calculate the charge in said memory; and

a voltage generator circuit to provide power to said memory and said communication control logic in response to electromotive force received from said antenna.

25.   (NEW) The container used in an automatic calculation of a charge of a dish or drink according to claim 24, further comprising:

a modulator/demodulator to communicate modulated data between said antenna and said memory unit.